

## DISCOMFORTS OF SUMMER ARE FELT IN SUBWAY

Passengers Gasp and Per-  
spire Though Heated  
Term Is Far Off.

CARS ARE SWEAT-BOXES.

Foul Odors from Waste and  
Refuse Warmed Back to  
Decreased Vigor.

Will the Subway be ventilated and  
cooled this year?  
Gasp and perspiring passengers of  
the Interborough's underground route  
wheezed this to one another or to them-  
selves as they stifled through the dusty  
catacombs running from the Battery to  
the Bronx.

The weather of the last week has not  
without an overcast walking along the  
street, but the dusty, subterranean route  
of way is already the musty-smelling,  
dead-air vault which needs but the cus-  
tomary crowding of cars and platform  
to turn passengers who come down  
comfortably into a perspiring, suffocating  
mass of humanity.

The rush hours of the week just past  
have been an indicator of the Black  
Hole horrors that will soon be the por-  
tion of the Subway traveler, unless  
some effective ventilation and cooling  
system can be installed at once.

Cars Like Sweatboxes.

Already, during the past few days,  
when people were shivering on the street,  
the crowds packed in the cars and on  
the platforms have been roasted to the  
sweating stage, while during the less  
crowded hours the passengers have  
gagged and choked in the dust-laden,  
lifeless air that has hung in the tube  
since it was built.

With the advent of spring all the vile  
odors in the Subway have been warmed  
back to increased vigor, lusty with  
ripened months and mellowed strength.  
All the aged odors, butts, cigarette  
stumps, fruit skins, dirt, oil and filth  
that strews the right of way give such a  
variety of flavors to the never-changed  
air that the result is nothing else than  
awful.

Last summer, under pressure of vig-  
orous complaints, the Interborough at-  
tempted to allay public clamor against  
the intolerable conditions with the flims-  
iest pretexts in the cooling line. A  
few electric pumping machines were  
installed, very noisy and very promi-  
nent, but insufficient. The pumps were  
not intended for pumping fresh air  
into the Subway, but for pumping the  
stale air out. The fresh air was sup-  
posed to rush in through the entrances  
when the stale air was pumped out.  
But the pumps never got that far  
ahead.

When these failed to do the work  
some small office electric fans were  
put in the stations. It would have  
been just as effective, as far as any one  
could have noticed it, if the company  
had armed a platform porter at each  
station with a palm-leaf fan and ex-  
pected them to keep the tube cool.  
The electric fans merely served to stir  
up the flat, hot air and emphasize its  
lifelessness.

Will Company Wait Again?  
It was midsummer last year before the  
Interborough Company paid any at-  
tention to the appeals of its patrons to  
make some effort to ventilate the Sub-  
way. The electric fans vanished with  
early fall and they may as well stay  
vanished. As long as there is no fresh  
air to draw with the fan there is little  
use stirring up the dead air. Will the  
company wait until midsummer this  
year before they even make a noisy,  
showy and utterly inadequate pretense  
of ventilating, or will they give some-  
thing approaching real ventilation?

Among the numerous inquiries which  
have come to The Evening World, ask-  
ing this paper to take up the agitation  
of Subway ventilating and cooling is  
the following from Herbert Wheeler,  
of No. 346 Broadway. He writes:  
"I have both theorized and tested by  
practical experiment a system of com-  
binations which can be installed with  
very little more cost than that now in  
operation or rather those which  
were in operation during the warm  
months of the past summer.  
"It is a combination of counter cur-  
rents which eliminate all direct draughts  
such as would be more or less a neces-  
sity in the plans outlined in your paper  
last season."

The Counter Currents.

"The counter currents are caused by  
placing systematically flues or ducts at  
both top and bottom of the tunnel, the  
position of which I ascertained by direct  
use of a small model after studying  
plans at various Bureaus."

"I am convinced that the Subway will  
be almost impossible to use with safety  
to the health in more than a few days, if  
it needs a constant current of new air  
circulated through its interior to keep  
down the several matters which tend

See What She's Leaving Behind



After the train moves out of the sta-  
tion this thoughtless lady will want to  
recover her lost parasol and pocketbook.  
Will she ever find them again? Much  
depends upon whether she uses a World  
"Lost and Found" Ad. A World Want  
would most likely

BRING THEM BACK!

## POET MCCARTHY BURSTS INTO A SHERIDAN PAEAN

Tells How the All-Round Athlete Beat the  
Greek and How the Glad Hands  
Await Him Here.

John McCarthy, the poet of the  
Ramble in Central Park, took his pen  
in hand last night and wrote these few  
lines:

How Sheridan Did the Greek.

Gorgonias seized the discus and poised it  
in his right

And glared in pitying scorn at his  
rivals ranged around.

Then he breathed hard and braced him-  
self, and using all his might,

He shot the missile in the air as he  
gave a mighty bound.

"Yi, yow!" one hundred thousand  
Greeks exclaimed in lusty glee:

"Yi, yow!" And how they danced  
around their man who sped the  
sphere!

They hugged and kissed the giant, while  
as far as eye could see

The multitude kept waving hands:  
King Ed. exclaimed "ear, ear!"

Then Sheridan from Bohemia, in the  
glens of sweet Mayo,

Stepped over to the circle and lim-  
bered up his thighs;

Then he twisted half-way over and he  
swung around quite slow,

And he flung the disc of metal in a  
style that couldn't lose.

Then as the missile skipped far, far  
into the air,

Martin peered quite calmly, and he  
said "That's twenty-three."

And the Stars and Stripes soon waved  
aloft and everybody there

Knew the Mayo Kid had skinned the  
Greek; so here is three times  
three!

"That'll hold those Greek guys for a  
while," said McCarthy. "I see that  
Gorgonias wouldn't shake hands with  
Martin Sheridan when the man from  
Mayo put the Indian sign on him."

to harm the public health and lessen  
the comfort of those who are daily  
users of the means of transit.

"There are two distinct evils which  
should be looked into immediately.

"First—The conditions of odors which  
will arise from the waste matter which  
has accumulated during the past year  
and which must necessarily decay to  
the extent of being a nuisance even if it  
is not injurious to the health."

"Second—The dust which is now so  
noticeable when an express train passes  
a local station must carry with it a  
certain amount of disease-carrying  
germs, as it has had no opportunity to  
be purified by nature."

Should Combine Systems.

"The first can be remedied by a con-  
stant and strong influx of nature's  
purifier, but the second must be elect-  
ed by some artificial means, and I really  
believe it can only be done by combin-  
ing the two systems so that they will  
not create sufficient draught to make it  
undrinkable to the patrons."

"I have taken the liberty to estimate  
the cost of the inadequate methods used  
last year and find that the expense was  
more than that of installing a system  
which would have pleased the public  
and also given the employees of the  
transit company a healthful atmosphere  
in which to pass the hours necessary to  
earn a livelihood."

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Goff, Judge Fitzgerald, Bourke Cockran  
and other famous Irish talkers will say  
good words for the boys, while Andrew  
Black, the sweetest of Irish singers,  
will warble the melodies of the old land.  
That ought to be a blowout for every  
Irishman that has the red blood in  
him to go to see and to tell his chil-  
dren all about in the years coming.  
"I hear the boys are on the Republic,  
that arrives here on the 34th. Well,  
also now, but there'll be doing in the  
Irish-American Athletic Club set over there  
to meet them—and it won't be beer.  
That's us!" concluded John as he made  
for the Rumble.

MAY DIE OF EXHAUSTION.

Mate of Schooner Rescued from  
Water When Near Death.

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old, was rescued from drowning early  
to-day off Stapleton. He is in the  
Smith Infirmary at New Brighton and  
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